

REMARKS

Applicant has cancelled claims 1-2, 12-14, and 17-21. Independent claims 22 and 23 have been added to the application. Claims 7-11 and 15-16 have been amended to depend directly or indirectly on newly independent claim 22. Thus claims 3-11, 15-16 and 22-23 are pending.

Among other things, newly added independent claims 22 and 23 recite that the seller selling the commodity designated by the received commodity can designate an upper-limit of the discount points that the buyer can use at once. As a result, certain determinations are made including the discount points to be newly assigned to the buyer and the discount points stored in the memory of the buyer. It is respectfully submitted that the recitations of both independent claims 22 and 23 as well as the associated dependent claims are neither taught nor suggested by the prior art of record.

For at least the foregoing reasons, all pending claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. If the Examiner disagrees or if the Examiner believes that any formal matters require attention, the Examiner is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned.

The fees associated with the filing of this paper are identified in an accompanying transmittal. However, if any additional fees are due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 18-0013, under Order No. 65316-0008 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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